

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

USAID/Ghana is looking for a Ghanaian national for the position of **Malaria Specialist** in the Health, Population and Nutrition Office. The Malaria Specialist will be a key member of the team for the development and execution of the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) project in Ghana. The Malaria Specialist will assist in the management of contracts and grants, budgets, development of planning documents and work plans. He or she will provide managerial and technical support to the USAID and CDC PMI advisors at the U.S. mission in Accra.

Major Duties and Responsibilities

The Malaria Specialist will:

- Provide expert assistance in the design and planning of malaria prevention and control activities, consistent with national malaria control strategy and PMI objectives, in collaboration with senior staff of the NMCP and other partners and stakeholders.
- Collaborate with the PMI and NMCP staff in management of activities being implemented under the PMI. This includes but is not limited to malaria prevention and control activities such as behavior change and communication activities; bed net procurement and distribution through the existing health services and at the community level; anti-malarial drug procurement and distribution through the existing health services; malaria in pregnancy interventions including IPTp; improved diagnosis and treatment of acute malaria; and indoor residual spraying campaigns.
- Coordinate with other partners to address malaria control delivery gaps and help build technical and managerial capacity within the NMCP at the national, district and lower levels;
- Ensure that activities are consistent with internationally accepted best practices and relevant to the specific malaria epidemiology of Ghana;
- Work with suppliers and partners to ensure that programmatic commodities are purchased in a timely and cost effective manner. Also, ensure that the absorptive capacity exists in implementation sites to receive, manage and distribute these items effectively.
- Work with the NMCP and other partners to develop and execute a monitoring and evaluation plan to be implemented through existing MOH systems and existing USG supported mechanisms;
- Maintain regular contact and collaboration with the counterparts in Ghana's National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) of the Ministry of Health (MOH) and other government ministries and agencies, as well as in a wide range of civil society and private organizations, other donor and international organizations, and other United States Government (USG) entities working in malaria prevention and control.

(You may collect the complete job description from the USAID/HR Office)

Desired Qualifications, Experience & Skills

Education: Minimum of a Masters Degree in public health, Medical Degree and/or other relevant advanced clinical qualifications are required.

Experience: At least 5 years of progressively responsible experience in designing, implementing and managing malaria and other health programs is required. Specialized experience in malaria or other diseases of public health importance is required in areas such as vector control, entomology, epidemiology, clinical case management of malaria, health system strengthening, health commodities procurement, and/or behavior change communication..

Abilities and Skills:

Demonstrated technical leadership, program management, strategic planning, policy experience and problem solving skills working on complex projects in a highly sensitive environment are required. Knowledge and skills in quantitative and qualitative evaluation methods; experience in designing and evaluating malaria activities are required. Must have excellent interpersonal skills to work effectively with health personnel of diverse cultural backgrounds, negotiating agreements etc. Must have excellent computer skills.

Language: Fluency in oral and written English is required. Ability to make sensitive oral presentations logically and persuasively to senior USG and Government of Ghana officials and other donors is required as is ability to communicate technical information to health and non-health audiences.

SALARY RANGE: GH¢ 15,142 – GH¢ 27,646 per annum

| Interested persons should please respond with CV and cover letter to:

The Malaria Specialist Position

USAID/Ghana

P.O. Box 1630, Accra, or No. 24 Fourth Circular Rd.,
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Or by Email: acpersonnel@usaid.gov

Please note that only short-listed applicants will be contacted

CLOSING DATE: November 21, 2008.